

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending while claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant wishes to cordially thank the Examiner for the allowable subject matter indicated with respect to claims 1-20. Claims 1, 5, 10, 11, 14, 17, and 18 have been amended while claim 21 is newly added, leaving claims 1-21 for consideration upon entry of the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

The drawings stand objected to as failing to comply with 31 CFR I .84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: “110”. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawing with respect to Figure 6 is submitted herewith as required in reply to the Office action. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Specification

The disclosure stands objected to because of the following informalities: in paragraph 17, line 10, the Examiner alleges that “38” appears to be incorrect and should be --30--; and reference character “42” is used to designate two different element, i.e., “a centerline” in paragraph 19, line 9 and a “top portion” in paragraph 20, line 3.

Paragraph [0017] has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, while paragraph [0019] has been amended to recite reference character “32” instead of -- 42 -- for “a centerline”. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 18 stands objected to because of the following informality: the Examiner alleges that in line 2, the phrase --the steps of-- should be inserted after “comprising”. Applicant has amended claim 18 as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, it is respectfully

requested that the objection to claim 18 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 18 recite the phrase “a first bight configured to at least one of clip to two opposing substantially vertical surfaces defining the structure...”. The Examiner alleges that this phrase is vague/grammatically incorrect and thus, the claim is rendered indefinite. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended canceling this language, thus rendering this rejection moot.

Claim 1 recites the limitation “the two sets” in lines 10 and 13 and the Examiner alleges that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 1 has been amended canceling this language, thus rendering moot this rejection.

The Examiner alleges that claim 5 has ambiguous claim terminology where it is unclear whether latter recitations of originally cited terminology are intended to refer to the originally cited terms. The Examiner states that it is unclear if “a first bight,” in line 2 of the claim is intended to refer to the original recitation of the term “a first bight” in line 3 of claim 1. Claim 5 has been amended to change the latter recitation to --said first bight--as suggested by the Examiner.

With respect to claim 10, which recites the limitation of “said leading edge” in line 3, the Examiner alleges that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claim 10 has been amended to recite --a leading edge -- thus rendering this rejection moot.

The Examiner also alleges that claims 11, 14 and 18 recite the limitation of “said two sets of retaining features” bridging lines 1-2, thus alleging that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Claims 11, 14, and 18 have been amended to recite -- the features-- as recited by the Examiner in the statement of reasons for allowance, thus rendering this rejection moot.

The Examiner alleges that claim 17 has ambiguous claim terminology where it is unclear whether latter recitations of originally cited terminology are intended to refer to the originally cited terms. More specifically, the Examiner alleges that it is unclear if “a gutter,” in line 2 of the claim is intended to refer to the original recitation of the term “a gutter” in line 1 of claim 1. Claim 17 has been amended reciting --the gutter-- as suggested by the Examiner, thus rendering this rejection moot.

Newly Added Claim

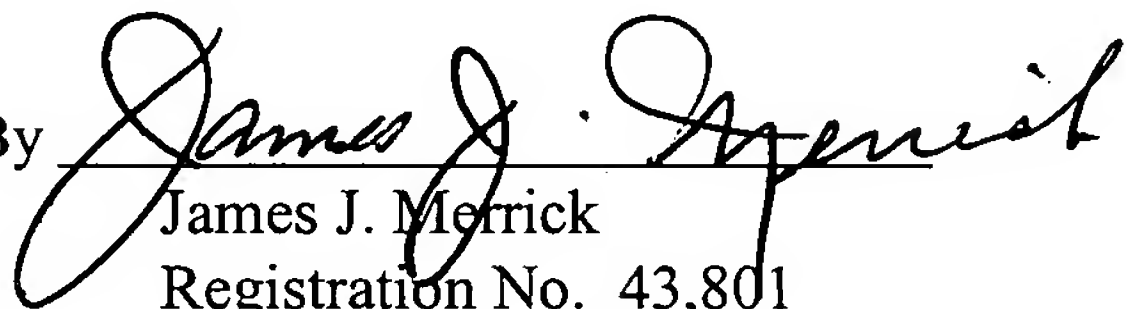
Claim 21 has been added in conformance with the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: i.e., “the primary reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter of the claims in this application are the limitations of a device comprising a hanger clip having a cord retainer and a first bight, an elongated staff for installing and removing the hanger clip, the staff having a lock feature disposed at one end to engage a corresponding mating feature extending from the hanger clip, such that when the features are engaged, the hanger clip is temporarily and securely held onto the staff when one of installing and removing the hanger clip to and from the structure from below the structure, and wherein disengagement of the features occurs by rotation of the staff about an axis defining the elongated staff.”

Conclusion

No new matter has been entered and no additional fees are believed to be required. However, if any fees are due with respect to this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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